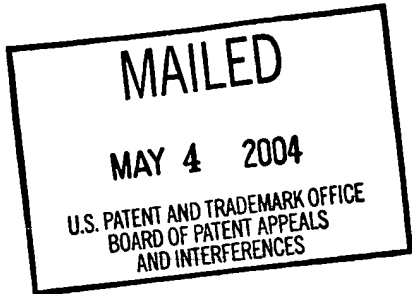


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte VERNON K. BOLAND

Application 09/086,627

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 5, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On March 2, 2004, appellant filed a paper entitled "ADMENDMENT" (Paper No. 28). It is not apparent from the record that this paper was considered by the examiner.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for such consideration of the "ADMENDMENT" and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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